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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Robert Terry  
4 Starks of Chicago on the occasion of his retirement as  
5 associate professor with the Northeastern Illinois University  
6 Inner City Studies Education Program; and

7           WHEREAS, Robert Starks was born on January 24, 1944, in  
8 Grenada, Mississippi; and

9           WHEREAS, Robert Starks earned his bachelor's degree in  
10 political science from Loyola University in Chicago in June of  
11 1968 and his master's degree in urban studies from Loyola  
12 University in June of 1971; in 1971, he began working toward  
13 his Ph.D. in political science at the University of Chicago;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, Robert Starks was employed as a research  
16 specialist at the Chicago Urban League from 1967 to 1970; he  
17 also worked as a management consultant at Booz-Allen and  
18 Hamilton, Inc. in Chicago from 1968 to 1969 and has served as a  
19 political columnist and political editor at the N'DIGO  
20 Newspaper since 1991; and

21           WHEREAS, Robert Starks began his career in higher education

1 as director of Black Studies Program and instructor in the  
2 Political Science Department at Northern Illinois University  
3 in DeKalb in 1970; in 1972, he became an instructor at the  
4 Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) Department of Inner  
5 City Studies; in 1976, he became a tenured assistant professor  
6 with the NEIU Department of Inner City Studies; in 1982, he  
7 became an associate professor with the NEIU Department of  
8 Educational Leadership and Development's Inner City Studies  
9 Education Program; in 1999, he was the Founder, Grantsman, and  
10 Director of the Harold Washington Institute for Research and  
11 Policy Studies' Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies; and

12 WHEREAS, Robert Starks and his wife, Judith A. Starks, have  
13 2 children, Kenya Miriama and Robert Willis; and

14 WHEREAS, Robert Starks serves as a model of hard work,  
15 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of  
16 Illinois; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
19 we congratulate Robert Starks on the occasion of his  
20 retirement, thank him for his many years of dedicated service  
21 in higher education, and wish him many happy and healthy  
22 retirement years; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to Robert Starks as a symbol of our esteem and  
3 respect.